Infiltration of Unauthorised Persons from Bangladesh

426. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what measures are being taken by Government to make India's international border with Bangladesh secure against infiltration of unauthorised persons from Bangladesh;

(b) what is the progress in respect of plans for fencing of entire border with Bangladesh; and

(c) what measures Government are taking to strengthen the machinery for detection of aliens in Assam, whether the work has been started and if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NERHU) : (a) Measures for strengthening surveilance along ndo-Bangladesh border include: stregthening of Border Securty Force; establishing additional border observation posts; construction of observation towers as well as providing increased mobility to border patrols, etc.

(b) Survey work is proposed to be resumed shortly.

(c) The work of detection is being undertaken by the State Government. The Central Government has also sanctioned additional staff for the purpose. 20 Tribunals have also been set up under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983.

Construction of a New Jail at Mandoli

427. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to overcoming overcrowding in Tihar Jail a proposal was mooted long back to construct a new jail at Mandoli;

(b) if so, when was the proposal mooted and finalised; and

(c) what are the reasons for not taking up the construction work and what steps are being contemplated by Government for early construction of the new jail at Mandoli?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal was mooted during the year 1978 and land for a new jail measuring 58.62 acres was aquired at Mandoli, Shahdara in September, 1980.

(c) The work of erecting the boundary wall has been completed at the site. Funds have been provided under the Seventh Five Year plan for the construction of the new jail at Mandoli.

Technology Transfer by US

428. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" of 3rd February, 1986 under the caption 'US still wary of technology transfer'; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The article concerns the Indo-US Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on technology transfer signed in November, 1984.

(b) Government of India feels that the MOU provides an appropriate mechanism for technology transfer and the arrangement is working satisfactorily.

Losses suffered by Indians in Uganda

429. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any persons of Indian origin have suffered loss of life and property

in recent violent change of Government in Uganda; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps the Government of India have taken for their safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Government has received on report of loss of life and property among persons of Indian origin during the recent change of Government in Uganda.

(b) Does not arise.

Formaton of Indian Council of Forestry Research

430. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form an Indian Council of Forestry Research on the pattern of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Indian Council of Medical Research; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Government are considering proposals for reorganisation of forestry research in the country.

(b) The details are being worked out.

Demand to make Chotanagpur and the Santhal Parganas, A Centrally Administered State

431. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorandum signed by 40 legislators and M.Ps. of the tribal region was submitted to the President on the 3rd December, 1985. demanding amendment of the Constitution to make Chotanagpur and the Santhal Parganas a centrally-administered state;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether a similar demand was placed before the Home Minister also?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) There is nothing on record to show that such a memorandum was submitted to the President on the 3rd December, 1985.

(b) Does not arises.

(c) No, Sir.

Conference on Demilitarisation of Indian Ocean

432. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the western countries have agreed to the holding of an international conference in Colombo on the demilitarisation of the Indian Ocean;

(b) whether a date has been fixed therefor; and

(c) what are the constraints in organising the event?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) After intensive negotiations the UN *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace adopted by consensus Resolution 40/153 which requested the Committee to complete preparatory work during 1986 to enable the convening of the Conference at Colombo at an early date soon thereafter, but not later than 1988, at a date to be decided by the Committee in consultation with the host country.

(c) Within the *Ad-hoc* Committee, some Western countries had proposed the postponement of the Conference which delayed the completion of preparatory work within the *Ad-hoc* Committee How